



# Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2019  
11:30 am

Samuel Hadley Public Services Building  
201 Bedford Street  
Lexington, MA

### Attendees (Voting Members)

Michael Rademacher	Arlington	Moe Handel	MAPC
Dave Manugian	Bedford	Lou Taverna	Newton
John Sullivan	Boston	Bernie Cooper	Norwood
Jay Hersey	Brookline	Paul Della Barba	Quincy
John Sanchez	Burlington	Chris Cole	Reading
Ed Dowling	Cambridge	Brendan O'Regan	Saugus
Andrew Fisk	CT River Watershed	Rich Raiche	Somerville
Bob Higgins	Hingham	John DeAmicis	Stoneham
Ralph Pecora	Lexington	J. R. Greene	Gubernatorial Appointee Quabbin/Ware
James Finnegan	Lynnfield	Barbara Wyatt	Gubernatorial Appointee Wachusett
Amy Mchugh	Marblehead	Joe Conway	Wakefield
Tim McGivern	Medford	Bob Rafferty	Westwood
Elena Proakis Ellis	Melrose	William Shaughnessy	Wellesley

### Other Attendees

John Carroll	MWRA Board of Directors	Matt Horan	MWRA
Joe Foti	MWRA Board of Directors	Susan Sherman	Stoughton
Andy Pappastergion	MWRA Board of Directors	Andreae Downs	WAC
Mike Cole	MWRA	Lexi Dewey	WSCAC
David Coppes	MWRA	Joe Favaloro	Advisory Board
Tom Durkin	MWRA	Travis Ahern	Advisory Board
Jim Halloran	MWRA	Lenna Ostrodka	Advisory Board
Fred Laskey	MWRA	James Guidod	Advisory Board

42 people were in attendance, including 26 voting members.

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**LEXINGTON, MA 02420 11:30 AM**

### Draft Meeting Summary

**A. Welcome**

Advisory Board Chairman, Lou Taverna, opened the meeting at 11:35 AM and welcomed all attendees to the Needham Town Hall.

**B. Approval of Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2019**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board meeting of February 21, 2019. The motion carried.

C. **MWRA Advisory Board Public Hearing on the Proposed FY20 MWRA Current Expense Budget**

The Secretary of the Advisory Board, Michael Rademacher, read the formal Notice of Public Hearing. (See materials for the Advisory Board meeting.) The Chairman noted that the public hearing was open. The public hearing was put on hold so that the public can hear a presentation of the MWRA's Proposed FY19 Current Expense Budget by (Chief Financial Officer), Jim Halloran (Budget Director), and Mike ColeMiller (Budget Manager).

D. **Presentation: MWRA's Proposed FY20 Current Expense Budget**

MWRA Chief Financial Officer, Tom Durkin, MWRA Budget Director, Jim Halloran, and MWRA Budget Manager, Mike Cole, gave a [presentation](#) on the MWRA proposed FY20 Current Expense Budget.

E. **Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director, Joe Favaloro, noted that Advisory Board staff, in addition to Fred Laskey and Sean Navin, have continued to visit communities to meet with municipal CEOs and community stakeholders. Nine community visits have been completed so far with more scheduled down the road. These meetings have prompted communities with no active representation at Advisory Board meetings to identify and appoint designees. Mr. Laskey noted that communities have continued to express their support for the community loan and grant programs offered through the MWRA.

Mr. Favaloro, reviewed a draft of the FY20 Advisory Board budget. The draft budget requests \$586,373, which is a 1.4% increase from FY19. This draft budget includes a summer intern, new memberships in industry organizations, and the next level of enhancements for the Advisory Board website. A more intricate preview of the budget will be available next month.

F. **Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee** – Louis M. Taverna

- **Process and Timeline to Elect an Advisory Board Representative to the MWRA Board of Directors**

In the May 2019 meeting, the Advisory Board will vote for the election of a member to the MWRA Board of Directors. This meeting will require a quorum vote. Notices of the election will be posted and all interested candidates will begin the process by sending their credentials to the Executive Director. The Executive Committee will serve as a nominating committee at their May 2019 meeting, engaging with interested candidates at that time. The incumbent Board member, Joe Foti, intends to stand for reelection.

- **Update on Infrastructure Workshop**

With the lack of progress in the implementation of a federal infrastructure bill, the upcoming Advisory Board infrastructure conference will be postponed. The conference was designed to be an aid for communities on accessing and utilizing available infrastructure resources. With the anticipated federal resources still not available, it makes sense to delay the conference.

**Finance Committee** – Bernard Cooper

- **Advisory Board Budget Review Preview**

Finance and Policy Director, Travis Ahern, explained that Advisory Board staff is nearly through budget briefings with MWRA staff. Staff are still reviewing both the CEB and CIP and will have findings and updates available later.

G. **Other Items**

- **Website/Telecommunications Update**

Finance and Policy Analyst, James Guidod, noted that the Advisory Board had ended its relationship with the Tennessee-based designer of the website. While there was progress made on the website, there were other setbacks and delays that prevented the site from reaching its full potential. A new plan has been developed with a Boston-based design team to move forward.

H. **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 PM. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rademacher, Secretary

These minutes reflect the discussion of the meeting. The Advisory Board maintains audio recordings of Advisory Board meetings that are available upon request.